

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

JUNE 20, 2005

AMENDMENT TO BUDGET ITEM #8 - MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

The Chief Administrative Office recently released their annual report on the status of the County’s Risk Management Program that documented the reduction of the Health Department’s medical malpractice claim costs by over \$7 million dollars since FY 2001-02. These savings show that changes made by the Health Department in how it manages medical malpractice claims, by holding physicians more accountable through new processes such as roundtable meetings held jointly by the Health Department, County Counsel and the County’s Third Party Claims Administrator, have worked.

The proposed budget includes funds for the Chief Administrative Office for a new process to reduce the County’s reliance on the Third Party Administrator for claims administration. The Chief Administrative Office needs to make sure that this new internally managed process incorporates the same levels of diligence and accountability between the parties to sustain the improvements in our medical malpractice program so the County can continue to sustain these savings in malpractice costs.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors defer consideration of the Chief Administrative Office's request until the Board offices have been fully briefed and all options are fully examined in a report due in 30 days.

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